

## **"Bridging the Gap 2003"**

Westin Hotel  
One North Broadway  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102  
**April 23 & 24, 2003**

### ***A Summit on Veteran & Native American Minority Business Development***

**Sponsored by: The United States Department of Veterans Affairs**

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In the present economic environment, it is more important than ever to encourage entrepreneurship. You can learn about becoming an entrepreneur at the Veteran & Native American Minority Business Development Summit, which will be held on April 23rd and 24th. The Summit will be helpful to all minority groups, but focuses on helping Native American entrepreneurs build strong, sustainable and successful businesses for today and for generations to come.

- ***Doing Business as a Minority, a Tribe, a Tribal member***
- ***Minority Small Business Certifications***
- ***Winning Government and Private Contracts***
- ***Joint Ventures and Strategic Partnerships***

This Summit will offer the A to Z of business development, from business formation to building strategic alliances, and will be valuable to owners of new and well established businesses. The first day of the Summit will provide an overview of resources and areas of expansion available to minority owned businesses. The second day will offer in-depth, hands-on workshops for novice to advanced owners. A trade show on the afternoon of the second day will give attendees the opportunity to meet with large corporate firms, government agencies, and universities and will enable small businesses to market their products.

Scott Denniston, Director of Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs will be the keynote luncheon speaker. Ronald Langston, the first official National Director of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency will be the keynote speaker at the Wednesday night dinner. Billy Jefferson, Johnson Space Center Small Business Specialist from NASA will talk about procurement at NASA. Representatives of companies including Boeing, Tinker, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, USDA, and the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma will be present. There will be a reception honoring Native American Veterans which Charles Chibitty, the only surviving Comanche Code Talker of

World War II, will attend.

The registration fee of \$125.00 includes lunch on both Wednesday and Thursday, a reception with entertainment on Wednesday evening, dinner on Wednesday, a continental breakfast on Thursday, and refreshments throughout the two days. The fee also includes a manual containing all the information from the Summit. The Summit will be held at the Westin Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City, within walking distance of Bricktown and the Canal area. The Westin is offering discounted rooms at only \$65.00 per night for Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Be sure to make your Summit reservations early to take advantage of this great offer - the Westin's phone number is 1-800-285-2780.